

Washtenaw County Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC)

Meeting Minutes

12/10/2025, 10:00 AM

Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center

4135 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, 48108

Members Present: Seegert, Mazanec, Bukowski, Ukena, Ohren, Maciejewski, Reeve, Hwang, Williams (Marc), Kofflin, Mason, Drinan

Members Absent: Nicholson, Williams (Chris)

Washtenaw County Staff Present: Eggermont, Wright

Resource Recycling Staff Present: Naud, Wouters (virtual)

Call to order: Chair Ohren called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

Roll Call

- a. David Seegert – present
- b. Paul Mazanec – present
- c. Todd Bukowski (Vice Chair) -present
- d. Bryan Ukena – present
- e. Joseph Ohren (Chair) -present
- f. Jason Maciejewski – present
- g. Bruce Reeve - present
- h. James Nicholson – absent
- i. Roland Hwang -present
- j. Marc Williams – present
- k. Josh Kofflin –present (arrived 10:11 a.m.)
- l. Sarah Mason (ex-officio) – present (arrived 10:06 a.m.)
- m. David Drinan (ex-officio) – present
- n. Chris Williams - absent

New Member

Chris Williams (SEMCOG) approved to MMPC

Land Acknowledgement (read by Wright)

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda moved by Hwang, seconded by Bukowski. All in favor.

Motion carries.

Last Meeting Minutes Approval

A motion to approve the 11/12/2025 Meeting Minutes moved by Seegert, seconded by Hwang. All in favor. Motion carries.

Feedback on Goals

- Michigan Economic Development placemaking for more drop off centers or use Ann Arbor Community Foundation for possible funding.

Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste

• Reported Landfill Data – Matt Naud RRS

C&D Tonnage reported on annual state landfill reports: 1.8 million tons in the state, 83,000 tons from Washtenaw, US estimated annual tonnage. Overview of C&D material examples, how its handled/transported and potential end markets.

• Knight Transfer Services – Dan Fritsch

Fritsch provided an overview of Knights. Knights operates in many major MI markets including Ann Arbor. 90% of their business is general contractors. C&D is often landfilled due to cost, no mandated recycling. LEED projects/jobs require recycling and tracking and there's established structure for diversion through the LEED program, but that is not mandated by public policy. Challenging to find space to stage containers for sorting on the job site. Sometimes material is sorted off-site.

• Recycle Ann Arbor- Bryan Ukena

Ukena provided an overview of Recycle Ann Arbor (RAA). He noted the increase in Michigan's C&D, highlighting that RAA receives over 22,000 tons annually and that the cost of disposal low. He noted that clean wood, metal, traditional recyclables and cardboard are sorted at the Recovery Yard, more can be accepted if it is source separated however doing so increases labor costs.

- **Naud provided a brief overview of the Home Energy Rebate Program**

Naud noted that HVAC contracts can take a pledge to increase recycling. There was a recommendation to include as a part of MMP that the County would maintain a website with information for HVAC contractors.

The Committee discussed C&D. Bukowski inquired about best practices. Ukena noted the City of Ferndale could be a useful model, Ohren added Grand Rapids' model. Mason noted that a regional scale for C&D is likely required. Mason added there are lots of different goals of various C&D ordinances. The City of Ann Arbor's working group found infrastructure, the right incentives, and compliance and enforcement are important. Ohren noted the importance of what are the desired goals.

Organics Chapter Review

Edits made, second draft ready for MMPC review. Naud noted treated wood, plastic compostable (PLA) are included in the model.

Review Draft Goals and Actions

Eggermont noted he is seeking MMPC alignment on goals, postponing January Public Engagement session to ensure goals are ready to share with the public.

- Need data in order to support goal setting and tracking on all goals. Discussion on cost and approach for data collection, including waste sorts and capture rates.
- Discussion on addressing OTHER category of landfilled material, including contaminated soils.

- Discussion on waste reduction, including deposit cans/bottles, and how to quantify and access data from the deposit system. Mason noted elevating circular economy within the goals.
- Discussion on diverting recyclables and organics, supporting mechanisms.
- Discussion on how to incorporate waste audits into the plan.
- Discussion on specially-handled or otherwise problematic material including HHW, C&D etc. Whether to separate C&D into its own goal with specific actions.
- Discussion on whether Education and Advocacy goals are separated or distributed across other goals.

Public Engagement Session

Will be moved from January 2026, Eggermont will send a “doodle poll.”

Future Meetings Schedule

Eggermont shared the draft 2026 calendar, noting the proposed public engagement meeting. The committee discussed their availability for the proposed February date.

A motion to amend the calendar to reschedule the 2/16/26 meeting made by Hwang.

A motion to approve the proposed calendar for the regular MMPC meetings made by Seegert, seconded by Williams. All in favor. Motion Approved.

Washtenaw County staff will send a scheduling poll to the MMPC to identify public engagement meeting dates.

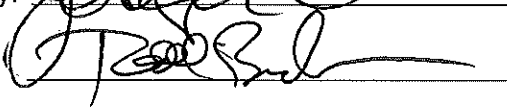
Public Comment

Jen Blaharski – commented that unless C&D diversion is mandated, there won’t be the infrastructure. She noted a discrepancy about convenience for residents and businesses.

Alexis Ramsey - relayed resident experience of those living near Arbor Hills noting odors and trucks.

Meeting adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Hwang, seconded by Bukowski. Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Approved by:  (Chair)
 (Vice Chair)